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Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:27 PM

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Re: [Mpls] Update on Redistricting in Minneapolis

Jack - The Wards are required to be contiguous. We could not create a non-contiguous Ward. We are supposed to make them compact as well, but obviously compactness is on a scale (the only truly perfectly compact ward would be a circle) and is also balanced against other Charter requirements. The only Charter requirement that touches on what is compact is the requirement that no ward may be more than twice as long as it is wide. A Court interpreted this in the 2002 litigation to mean that you measure from the farthest west to farthest east point in a ward and compare to the north south distance determined in the same way.

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From: John Ferman < johnferman@iphouse.com >

To: Barry Clegg < barry@bfclegg.com > Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:17 PM

Subject: Re: [Mpls] Update on Redistricting in Minneapolis

To what extent does compactness and contiguousness play in the drawing of ward boundaries? I note that some wards have re-entrant angles, not demanded by topography.

Sent from my iPad John Ferman Email in header

On Feb 21, 2012, at 9:12 AM, "Barry Clegg" < barry@bfclegg.com > wrote:

- > The draft maps for Ward and Park District lines for consideration at the public hearings on February 29 and March 1(locations and times on the Redistricting web page) have been posted at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012/WCMS1Q-068980.
- > They include citywide maps (including a citywide map that compares existing wards to proposed new wards), ward maps and a statistical summary of demographic information. There is also an interactive citywide map that you can zoom in and out to see street level detail.
- > You can submit your comments and suggestions at the public hearings or by email to Redistricting2012 at minneapolismn dot gov .
- > I also wanted to make a clarification. The map that several posters have commented on that puts Council Members Gordon and Schiff in the same ward is one map submitted by one citizen group. It is not the draft map proposed for comment by the Redistricting Group. We have received quite a few maps submitted by citizen groups, professional and amateur demographers and citizens. We encourage you to submit your own proposals and suggestions. I haven't done the analysis with respect to Council Member residences, but I'm sure some of the proposed maps we have received DO move lots of Council Members out of their existing Wards and some probably DON'T.
- > I don't believe the draft map of the Redistricting Group moves any Council Members outside of their

wards. Our goal is not to protect incumbents. We will move lines as necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Charter, other applicable law and the principles adopted by the Charter Commission, and ultimately that might mean we have two Council Members residing in the same ward. But if we are to move elected officials into different Wards or Districts, we want to be thoughtful about it and insure we are following the law and our own principles. We don't want to do so accidentally and certainly not for political reasons.

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